

Minutes of the Meeting of 1st Multi Disciplinary Committee (MDC) in respect of 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project (LKHEP) in the districts of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong, Assam held on 6th May, 2022 at Conference Hall (3rd Floor), Bijulee Bhawan, Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited, Guwahati.

1. The Meeting of MDC of LKHEP was chaired by Shri. Mridul Saikia, Chief General Manager (PP&I), APGCL cum Project Director LKHEP. At the onset Chairman welcomed all the members present and briefed about the project and described the roles and responsibilities of the sectoral experts.
2. MoEF&CC has accorded Environmental Clearance vide No.J-12011/26/2012-IA-I. Dated 4th September, 2019 for the 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project (LKHEP).
3. After a brief power point presentation, it was highlighted that Environment Clearance stipulations and the compliance adhered so far. Details of the project components and the salient features of the project along with the possible impact and the mitigation plan suggested in the EMP of EIA were explained.
4. Dr. Pranab Bujarbaruah, raised query on direct forest dependency of the communities and the loss of forest cover. In reply to that APGCL explained the following.

The land acquisition for revenue land has been done through the RFCTLARR Act 2013 and ADB's safeguard policy SPS 2009. It covers all the possible social impacts and has been compensated accordingly. Over and above, APGCL has agreed to provide various components in local area development like (i) Educational facilities (ii) Healthcare facilities (iii) Construction of community toilets and (iv) Development of training/educational institute.

Against the loss of forest cover Compensatory Afforestation, Green Belt Development, Soil and Moisture conservation, Catchment Area Treatment and during the implementation Biodiversity Conservation Plan along with other conservation activities will be taken up to compensate the forest loss. As per Government norms the ratio is 1:1 but considering all the components of plantation it will come around 1:3 which is above the ADB's requirement 1:2 to achieve No net Loss on Biodiversity.

5. Dr. (Sri) C. Muthukumarvel, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act) enquired about the Status of the tree felling in the project impacted area and the status of Compensatory Afforestation. APGCL responded that all the trees felling are done through the respective Forest Divisions. Tree felling is not completed in the Karbi Anglong West division and felling of the trees in the reservoir area is remaining. Regarding Compensatory Afforestation, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Assam informed that initiation of plantation will be taken up in this financial year in both the divisions.
6. Mr. C. J. Saikia asked about the green belt development and requested to share the EIA report. APGCL explained about the plan for plantation and agreed to share the EIA report with all the experts through email.
7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.
8. The list of the participants is attached as ANNEXURE- 1.

LOWER KOPILI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT 120 MW

1st Multi Disciplinary Committee Meeting

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